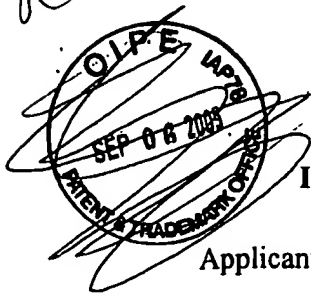


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AMENDMENT

The Applicant is responding to the Office Action dated July 6, 2005.

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Written Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3):

Please accept this authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time for its timely submission as though the reply incorporates a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. No extension of time is believed to be presently required.

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